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of St. Barnabas Parish



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Father Paul Garrett's Installation as Rector October 20, 2008



The Rev. Doug Dunn, High Plains Missioner (pictured on the left) calls on Paul to serve as pastor, priest and teacher of St. Barnabas and empowers Paul to exercise his ministry. "Care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words, and in your life, proclaim the Gospel. Love and serve Christ's people. Nourish them and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come." Paul (kneeling) prayerfully commits to the responsibility and the congregation responds with a promise to support and uphold Paul in his ministry. The commissioning ceremony was followed by a litany, celebration of the church's ministries and the Eucharist. Following there was a reception with champagne and cake in Marshall House.

Also pictured above are Deb Angell (left), The Rev. John F. Backe, Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church (center) and Eloise May, server.



The Rev. Al Halverstadt, former Rector, presents Paul with 100 year old book of prayers used by the past rectors of St. Barnabas.

Photos by Jim Esten. To view more photos of the Commissioning and reception, see pp. 4 and 8 or go to www.stbdenver.org



Paul, his wife Mary Ellen and Jr. Warden, Karen Esten, and Sr. Warden, Lynn Hoffman, reaffirm their support of Paul and commitment to the ministry God has given them.

121st Convention Celebrates a Continued Focus on Mission

The 121st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado, which met Oct. 2 – 4 in Loveland, Colo., celebrated the continuing work of the Bishop and the diocese to participate in and advance God's mission in Colorado. "It's what we are made to do," stated Bishop O'Neill as he spoke about the mission shaped life of the Church to the assembled delegates at the Convention Eucharist on Thursday evening.

Over the course of the Convention, clergy and lay delegates heard a great deal about how organizations and congregations in the diocese are carrying on that mission-shaped heritage. Reports from the Office for Faith Formation and the Camp and Conference Task Force invited those gathered to envision a new camp and conference center for the diocese that would provide the diocese not only a location for summer camp and other youth programs, but a place for all to gather for education, refreshment, healing and Christian nurturing.

The Rev. Canon Lou Blanchard, Canon Missioner for the diocese, reported on efforts to support all congregations in growth, health and evangelism through several programs, including consulting services, the Church Development Institute, and Empowered Leadership Workshops, in which over half of all congregations have participated in the last year.

The Colorado Episcopal Foundation reported on its support of congregations in encouraging and facilitating stewardship and legacy giving. The Foundation also reported on the results of its More Than a Match campaign, in which 39 congregations participated and raised over \$27,000 to support efforts to develop clean drinking water supplies in Petit-trou de Nippes, Haiti, and a new school in Abeyi, Sudan. The Campaign had called on congregations to work together to raise up to \$12,000 that the Foundation would match; given the overwhelming response,

Becky Jones, the Jubilee officer for the diocese addressed the Convention about the work of the diocese's 22 Jubilee Ministries, which she said, over the past year, have collected and distributed 1.5 million tons of food; served 2,000 hot meals; visited 500 prisoners; provided health care to 300 people; taught English to 500 immigrants; and provided long-term housing to more than 300 people.

As it has over the last three years, the Convention cen-

tered around training events and workshops. In between Convention business sessions, clergy, delegates and visitors attended a wide variety of workshops to equip them for ministry in everything from youth programs, to stewardship training, to building a better parish web site.

Congregations also received a number of teaching tools at the Convention, including a DVD titled *Free to Be Faithful*, featuring conversations between Bishop O'Neill and Nathan Dungan, founder and president of ShareSaveSpend about how faith can and should play a role in family financial planning, and a DVD featuring conversations with clergy and lay people around the diocese about how they are living into God's mission.



Photo by Mari Dixon

In other Convention business, the convention passed legislation to make the canons that govern missions, special congregations, and ministries consistent with those that govern parishes. The Convention also considered and approved legislation to clarify the relationship of diocesan institution with the diocese and Standing Committee, and voted in favor of a resolution that establishes a task force to make recommendations about how congregations can more fully live into their common life and commitments as a diocese. Finally, it debated and approved a resolution that calls on the diocese to advocate for the well-being and protection of immigrants, in keeping with General Convention 2006 Resolution A017.

While the convention adopted a balanced \$1.9 million budget for 2009, the Bishop and Standing Committee challenged every congregation to more fully support the work of others across the diocese by stepping up financial support for additional key priorities for mission – evangelism and congregational development, and Christian formation for children, youth, and young adults – all of which were outlined in five regional convocations held prior to convention.

The Convention concluded with brief discussion and passage of two resolutions that were presented by the Committee to Review the Bishop's Address. The first affirmed the work of the Camp and Conference Task Force, and called for a group to be formed that would move the work of that task force forward. The second expressed "support Bishop Rob O'Neill's call to action around evangelism, mission, and growth." Against the backdrop of dramatic national financial events that were happening during the course of the Convention, the resolution goes on to say, "In these difficult financial times, we faithfully commit ourselves to face all the challenges, especially the financial ones, in our parishes, and in the Diocese at large directly and courageously."



Sunday, November 16, 2:00 pm

A concert by

Voice of the Wood Cello Quartet

Michael Marecak, Shirley Marecak, Marilyn Hof and Stephen Weidner are all cellists with the Evergreen Chamber Orchestra. They all have long and impressive musical resumes and play together with joy and gusto throughout the Denver metropolitan area.

For this concert they will be playing selections from Vivaldi, Bach, local composer Normand Lockwood, Kenton Coe, South American composer Mendoza-Nava and others. They will be joined for some of their selections by 12-year-old artist Kelcie Howell.

December 5 – 7

A Visual Arts Feast by Susan Rember

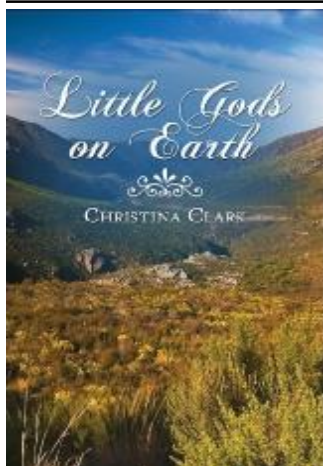
Opening Reception, Friday December 5, 5:00 – 7:30

The reception will feature live music by The Artefacts, a recorder quintet with St. Barnabas musician Bobbie Blanc

Show also open Saturday, Dec 6, 1:00 – 3:00 and Sun., Dec 7, 10:00 – 12:00

This is a rare opportunity to publicly view the art of long time Denver resident Susan Rember. This is Susan Rember's second show at Saint Barnabas. With Father Al Halverstadt in 1996 she initiated the Arts on Vine program.

Susan is well known for her etchings and oils. Her artistic style, sensitivity to color, and contemporary realism is loved by many. Her goal is to represent the beauty and essence of her subject matter. She does portraits in oil, still life, scenic landscapes, limited edition etchings and geclées prints. For sale are glass tiles, cutting boards, glass tiles with stained glass ready to hang in a window and glass top tables, all made from the many images of Susan's oils. Also for sale are geclées and etchings at a reasonable price. These original and beautiful items make great Christmas gifts.



Book Signing and Reception
Saturday, Nov. 15
6-9 p.m.
Marshall House

Honoring Tina Clark
on the publication of
her first novel

fear, and renewal. Jordan and Kate struggle to conceive, Will finds healing through faith and family, while Jon and Beth both find themselves emotionally stunted by the early loss of their mother. As Christmas approaches, can love bring healing and make dreams come true?

Tina and her partner Karen Burgess are active members of the St. Barnabas community. Tina's book is the perfect Christmas gift for book loving friends. It is available through Amazon.com. A limited number of copies will be available for purchase and signing on Nov. 15.

All members are welcome to come to the reception, drink a toast to Tina, and hear her read an excerpt from *Little Gods on Earth*.

Synopsis: Kate Howard longs to be a part of the Thayer family, to bask in the warmth and love with which Ellen Thayer effortlessly surrounds her four children; Jordan, Will, Jon and Beth. In idyllic Elk Grove, Colorado, where Kate joyfully spends her childhood summers, the Thayer children live the American dream encircled by family and friends, shielded from the rush and cruelty of the world outside their sheltered mountain valley. But when tragedy takes Ellen from them all too soon, the Thayer children must find a way to realize her legacy of love. As adults, the Thayer siblings journey through love, loss,

Finish your manuscript! Complete your Painting!
 Finish Your Craft Project!
 Get Ready for the Most Popular
 Arts on Vine Event

All Parish Art Show

February 6 and 7 Weekend

Legacy Society Invites You to Join

By Sue Gallanter

Anita Sanborn and Scott Asper, executive staff from the Colorado Episcopal Foundation, presented detailed information on the Legacy Society for interested St. B's parishioners during lunch and later for a wine and cheese gathering on Tuesday, October 7th. Anita and Scott described many types of planned gifts, and directed those present to the Foundation website at www.coef.org for the section on Interactive Gift Planning. Please review this site for your own estate planning needs, and think of this as a spiritual act. It is a time to consider how your assets should be used both now and after your death in ways that reflect your life of faith in God at St. Barnabas.

A Legacy Society brochure was mailed to you at the end of September, and also can be picked up in Lukens' Wing. Wills and Pat Long hosted a celebration brunch on Sunday, November 9th for Legacy Society charter members and new members.

Please call Sue Gallanter at 303-885-8850 if you have questions about St. B's Legacy Society.

Vestry Highlights

Judy Ward noted that plate collections and pledge giving were down. Individuals and families are beginning to feel the impact of the economic crisis.

A motion was proposed and passed that the undesignated 1260 Vine St. fund be formally designated "The Renovation and Capital Improvement Fund." A guideline was approved that no more than 20 percent be used for capital improvement. Funds from The Renovation and Capital Improvement Fund will be used for heating and plumbing repairs.

Karen Esten reported that repairs and replacement of furnaces would cost approximately \$9,000, the boiler, \$6,000 and the water heater, \$1,500.

There is a file of monthly vestry meeting minutes with attached budget statements in Lukens Wing open to inspection by parishioners. Minutes are also available online on the St. Barnabas website: www.stbdenver.org



Ken Phillips (left) presents Paul with a Bible and asks him to proclaim the Word.



Jack Keables (in green robe) shares map of the Church Yard Columbarium with Paul as remembrance of those who have gone before. The Rev. Doug Dunn, High Plains Missioner, stands behind Paul.

Brian Price, (right in grey suit coat) co-leader of Adult Forum, accepts flashlight from Paul as a symbol that our life's commitment to a deeper understanding of the Gospel of Christ is the light on our path towards God's realm and reign.



SHARING the JOURNEY: The Circle Game, revisited...

Yesterday a child came out to wonder
Caught a dragonfly inside a jar
Fearful when the sky was full of thunder.
And tearful at the falling of a star.....
And the seasons they go round and round
And the painted ponies go up and down
We're captive on the carousel of time
We can't return we can only look
Behind from where we come
And go round and round and round
In the circle game."

Song writer and performer, Joni Mitchell describes the journey through life as the circle game that goes "round and round and round." Yes, "captive on the carousel of time" "we can't return we can only look behind from where we came." The journey continues as we go "round and round and round in the circle game."

The changing seasons help us mark the passage of time. Just as there is a cycle of birth, life, death and resurrection we mark our journey with the changing seasons. The autumn leaves fall. Our days grow shorter. Winter arrives before we know it.

In November our ride on "the carousel of time," continues, with a few changes. Hopefully, we will elect the next President of the United States and the advertisements that were "approved by the candidate" will be a thing of the past. We will celebrate the "Saints of God" on Sunday, November 2. Many will gather on Thanksgiving Day to give thanks for the many blessings of this life and to share a wonderful meal with friends and family.

At the end of November, we begin our new church year, marking a new cycle in the life within our faith community. The first Sunday of Advent falls on November 30. Advent, which means "coming" in Latin, is a time of preparation for our celebration of the birth of Jesus on Christmas day. During Advent we will also prepare for the second coming of Christ.

During the holidays remember those who are alone or whose lives have changed during the year. Invite them to join you in celebrating the season. The circle continues. A circle never ends. God willing, as we journey together, our lives will be transformed and we will grow into that image of God that God is continually creating for each one of us.

In Christ's love,

Deb Angell+

Special Dates and Activities November-December 2009

Sunday: November 2: All Saints Sunday

5:30 p.m. *Service of Remembrance:*

All Saints/All Souls Liturgy.

(Bring photos of your dearly departed.)

Adult Forum, 11 a.m. Marshall House

Science and Religion, Erin Bell, presenter

Sunday: November 9

Adult Forum, 11 a.m., Marshall House

Science and Religion. Jack Unruh presenter

Sunday: November 16

Voices of the Wood Cello Quartet

Lukens Wing, 3 p.m.

Saturday, November 22

Families in Faith Potluck and Crafts

5 p.m., Marshall House

December 5-7, Arts on Vine

Susan Rember, Artist

Sunday, December 9

Christmas Alternative Market following services

Sunday, December 16

5:30 p.m. Rejoicing Sunday

Reception after Eucharist.

Caroling in the Neighborhood.

Sunday, December 20

Children's Pageant 9:30 service

Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Family Service

10:30 p.m. Choir's gift of Music

11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

Thursday, December 25 Christmas

10:00 a.m. Christmas Morning Eucharist

Sunday, December 28:

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Services: 7:45 and 9:30 a.m.

No 5:30 Service

Wednesday, December 31 New Year's Eve

6:00 p.m. NEW YEARS EVE SERVICE

Followed by Year's End Celebration

Double Take!

A Christmas Pageant as told by Matthew and Luke

This year's pageant looks at the Christmas story from the point of view of the recipients of God's grace as they react with varying degrees of fear, awe and misunderstanding. "Double Take!" is intended as a re-creation, not just a retelling of the Nativity story. We have heard it and seen it so many times, we know what's coming next. This pageant endeavors to give us a fresh slant on the birth of Christ... told with humor, mystery and awe.

Parents and Grandparents are the faithful stewards who make every effort to get their child(ren) to St. B's each Sunday; so that each child understands what s/he is supposed to do and feels confident in the story that they are retelling.

The Sunday School works hard to give St. B's community the best they have to offer. Please join us on Sunday, Dec. 21st.


Here's the rehearsal schedule:

Sunday, Nov. 2nd and 9th - sing through pageant songs

Sundays November 16th, 23rd, 30th, December 7th and 14th - practice pageant songs and pageant parts.

Saturday, December 20, 9:30 – 11 am rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 21 Present the Pageant



A Families In Faith Advent Event

Potluck and Crafts

Prepare for Advent & Anticipate
the Holy Birth

Bring a dish to share and visit with
others during our potluck meal.

Create a glowing Nativity Cross,
decorate a grape vine wreath,
form an Advent Paper Chain,
shape an angel, ornament or
miniature Christmas tree from
a pine cone and form a variety
of unique cards using Advent
and Christmas stamps.

Time: Saturday, Nov. 22, 5:00 pm

Place: St. Barnabas

Questions? Call Jane Schmitz,
303-388-6469 or email
jschmitz@stbdenver.org



Children of the parish sing and sign "God Is The One We Trust" at Paul's installation Ceremony. More of Jim Esten's photos are available at the website: www.stbdenver.org

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Roan Lester
Harald Hoegberg
- 3 Dennis Lyon
Megan Miller
- 4 Nolan Meyers
- 5 Ben Fiedler
Heather Gorham
Sophia Varholak
- 7 Mary Foster
Burley Shepard
Kayin Scott
- 8 Amy Esten
- 9 Sandy Ortiz
- 12 Tamsen Bohlen
- 15 Sean Powers
Connor Piburn-Burbach
- 17 Ruby Lester
- 18 Bella Kearney
- 19 John Test
Elizabeth Hepp
Joan Vickers
- 21 Maddy Powers
- 22 David Varholak
Bill & Dee Frazier
- 25 Elizabeth Grant
- 26 Lois & Hal Weber
- 27 Ginny Yribia
- 29 Collin Meyers
Zack Cabell-Kluch



Scheduled Services, Activities and Meetings

Sunday Services: 7:45 and 9:30 a.m.
Contemporary Service: 5:30 p.m.
unless otherwise noted.

Adult Forum: 11 a.m. Sunday,
Marshall House
Unless otherwise announced.

St. Barnabas Time: 11 a.m.
3rd Sunday of the month,
Marshall House.
Unless otherwise announced.

Benedictine Way:
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study and Eucharist:
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

EFM, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

Soup preparation: Wednesdays, 9 a.m.,
kitchen

Blood Pressure Checks: last Sunday of
the month

Vestry Meetings, 4th Wednesday of the

We're at the 50 Yard Line— Let's Make It a Touchdown

The generosity of our Saint Barnabas family is being demonstrated again. We are almost halfway in the stewardship campaign and our pledges are almost halfway toward our goal of reaching \$360,000 in pledged income. As of Thursday, October 23, the pledged amount for 2009 is \$151,288.

We still need your help. Please pick up a pledge commitment form, complete it in the next couple of weeks and return it to the St. Barnabas office. Look for the Saint Barnabas family album at the pledge display in Lukens Wing and add your own pictures to the collection (there are extra pages!).

Thanks for your help in supporting and sustaining our St. Barnabas Family.

Roger Mattison, Chair
Stewardship Committee

St. Barnabas Views

Photos by Jim Esten

Following the Installation Ceremony and celebration of the Eucharist, guests and clergy moved to Marshall House for champagne, cider, cake and ice cream. Claire Wiley (right) proudly shows off the cake decorated with the Episcopal Shield.

Below from left to right, Jacob Blanc, Claire Wiley And Alex Nordenholz Martin enjoy the party.



Above, Cheryl Volmert and Karen Esten share a moment together.

Left, Wills Long and Fr. Al Halverstadt express their happiness about Paul's installation.

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